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Hi, all,

I submitted the FOIA request for the audits a second time and received the below receipt.
Hope this helps.

Kind best,

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- Tracking Number: EPA-2021-005178
- Requester Name: Patricia Borns
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- Request Status: Submitted
- Description: In May EPA Region 2 issued a 60-day shutdown order to Limetree Bay refinery on St. Croix. The order included a requirement for an independent audit of the refinery to determine what is needed for operations to resume safely. The result according to one of our sources is two audits that were reportedly submitted to EPA Region 2 on Friday. I am a reporter for Virgin Islands Source and am requesting the audits in order to report to Virgin Islanders what it will take for the refinery to re-open. This is especially important because this transparency was lacking when the plant started up last February after almost 10 years in mothballs. Under the Trump EPA, the exceptions granted the refinery allowed a hasty restart without appropriate modernization. The resulting toxic flares and oil sprays affecting dozens of downwind neighborhoods caused an EPA-ordered shutdown after less than four months of operation. Our story based on the audit, which is on deadline today, will help Virgin Islanders hold the refinery and government accountable for a safer restart.